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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA'S COMMENTS

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1. WE NOTE WITH INTEREST REMARKS MADE BY BOUTEFLIKA
SUPPORTIVE OF US AND WESTERN EFFORTS TO RESOLVE NAMIBIAN
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PROBLEM. WE SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS NEW,
UNEXPECTEDLY FORTHCOMING ATTITUDE ON PART OF ALGERIANS.
IT APPEARS TO CONSTITUTE A DEPARTURE FROM THE EARLIER
ALGERIAN VIEW AS EXPRESSED DURING SPECIAL UNGA SESSION ON
NAMIBIA BY ALGERIAN PREMREP MAOUI IN WHICH HE SAID, INTER
ALIA: "IT IS QUITE CLEAR THAT THE APPROACH TO THE NAMIBIAN
PROBLEM WHICH IS BEING MADE OUTSIDE OUR ORGANIZATION DOES

NOT RING TRUE AND ILL CONCEALS THE TIES OF PRIVILEGE BETWEEN CERTAIN POWERS AND SOUTH AFRICA, THE REPREHENSIBLE EMBROILMENT OF THEIR INTERESTS WITH THE APARTHEID SYSTEM AND THEIR STRATEGIC CALCULATIONS IN OPPOSITION TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE AND OF OTHER AFRICAN PEOPLES TO A FUTURE OF DIGNITY, FREEDOM AND PROGRESS. THOSE ARE REVEALING SIGNS OF THE DESIRE TO DIVIDE AND CONTAIN THE VIGOROUS UPSURGE OF THE FORCES OF LIBERATION IN AFRICA. AT THE PRECISE MOMENT WHEN THE ERA OF COLONIAL AND FOREIGN DOMINATION IS DRAWING TO AN END IN THE CONTINENT IT IS OF THE VERY NATURE OF IMPERIALISM TO RESPOND WITH NEW PLOTS BOTH IN REARGUARD ACTIONS DESIGNED TO HALT THE MOVEMENT TOWARDS LIBERATION AND IN ATTEMPTS TO CALL INTO QUESTION THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF INDEPENDENT AFRICA.

THESE ACTIONS, WHICH ARE REPRESENTED AS A SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, CANNOT POSSIBLY DELUDE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY OR LULL ITS VIGILANCE. ITS RESPONSIBILITY IS TO SEE TO IT THAT THE PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA ARE NOT UNDERMINED FOR THE BENEFIT OF ANOTHER DRIVING FORCE WITH MOTIVATIONS AND PLANS CONTRARY TO THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF THE CHARTER AND THE RELEVANT DECISIONS OF OUR ORGANIZATION."

2. IF YOU AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, YOU SHOULD ARRANGE TO MEET WITH BOUTEFILKA AGAIN TO DISCUSS FURTHER
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THE STATUS OF WESTERN EFFORTS IN NAMIBIA. OBJECT WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE BOUTEFILKA TO TAKE STEPS TO IMPRESS UPON SWAPO THE DESIRABILITY OF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND TO URGE SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE WESTERN SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL.

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